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AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND (Meridian st., bet. 4th and 7th)—Tonight at 8:15, the eminent tragedian, Louis James, in "Richelleu".
BAKER THEATRE (12th and Yamhill)—Musical burlesque; tonight at 8:15.
EMPIRE THEATRE (12th and Yamhill)—The melodrama, "Her Marriage Vow"; tonight at 8:15.
GRAND THEATRE (Park and Washington)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.
PANTHEON THEATRE (4th and Stark)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.
STAR THEATRE (Park and Washington)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30, 9 P. M.
 L. M. C. A. (Fourth and Yamhill)—Free lecture on city history by Dr. Katherine M. H. Blackford.

NOTHING DOING ON EAST WATER STREET.—The O. W. P. Co. is doing nothing toward completing the improvement of East Water street. For two weeks more no earth or crushed rock has been delivered along this street at any point. North of East Morrison street all work has been stopped, and only one side of the street is completed. Property owners and business men along East Water street continue to complain bitterly at what they call the outrageous treatment of the O. W. P. and cannot understand why the City Engineer does not give them some relief. A contractor who is delivering some dirt on East Morrison street was compelled to lay a plank roadway on one side of East Water street south from East Morrison in order to get his wagon to the latter street. The ship yard, the laundry, woodyards, shops of all sorts are suffering heavy losses on account of this delay.

GRAND PATRIARCH QUEST OF HONOR.—A joint meeting of Golden Rule Encampment No. 28 and Ellison Encampment No. 1, O. O. F., was held last night at Odd-fellows' Hall, on Grand avenue and East Pine street, all being the guests of Golden Rule Encampment. Grand Patriarch Claude Gatch, of Salem, was present, the guest of honor. A large class was given the Golden Rule degree. There were many members of the encampments present. At conclusion of the degree work refreshments were served. Grand Patriarch Gatch made congratulatory remarks on the work. Others made short talks.

LETTER-CARRIERS INSTALL OFFICERS.—Multnomah Branch, No. 52, National Association of Letter-Carryers, at its last meeting, Wednesday night, installed the following officers for the ensuing term: Martin K. Wigton, president; A. E. Klunk, vice-president; Fred P. Horn, recording secretary; C. H. Dunneagan, financial secretary; E. A. Moulton, treasurer; John G. Francis, collector. M. B. A. J. C. Todd, sergeant-at-arms; George W. Rogers, trustee; Fred P. Horn, state vice-president, acted as installing officer.

CONTRACTS FOR ELECTRIC LIGHTS.—At an adjourned meeting of the St. Johns Council Wednesday evening, a contract was authorized with the General Electric Company for about 13 acres. The company has agreed to establish a sub-power station on the site of the old light and power current. The Mayor was instructed to procure a deed with plow-holes for the segregation and safekeeping of city documents. The electric light will be distributed in the district where they will do the most good.

OFF FOR A LONG TOUR.—Rev. Father J. H. Black, rector of St. Francis' Catholic Church, East Side, will leave for New York next week, will visit from that city January 27 on the Princess Irene direct for Naples. He will visit Rome, call on the pope, and then go to the Holy Land, returning to Rome to spend the Holy Week. He will see the principal places of interest on the continent and in the British Islands. During his absence his parish will be attended by Father Waitt and one of the Holy Cross fathers.

CONCORDIA CLUB ELECTION.—The Concordia Club held its annual meeting and election of officers Wednesday evening, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Max Fleischer, president; Edward Ehrman, first vice-president; L. Lowenhardt, second vice-president; L. Rau, secretary; Sigmond Frank, treasurer; Isom White, J. D. Meyer, Julius L. Meier, Adolph Jacobs, Sig Siegel and Walter Rosenblatt, directors.

OPENING OF EAST SEVENTEENTH STREET.—The preliminary steps have been taken for the opening and extension of East Seventeenth street between Holgate street and Midway Annex. Up to Holgate East Seventeenth street is open, and in order to relieve Milwaukee street, the only one connecting with Sellwood, Councilman A. N. Wells is trying to get East Seventeenth opened to Midway Annex.

TENTH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY.—Rev. C. V. Lamb, a Dominican priest of the Holy Rosary Church, East Third and Clackamas streets, has been granted a vacation in honor of the tenth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Rev. Mr. Lamb is now in California visiting his parents and friends. He will also spend some time at the Mother House of the Dominican Order at Bend.

WILL SPEAK AT TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL.—At Temple Beth Israel this evening Dr. Stephen S. Wise will preach on "Is Moral Supremacy of the Churches in Danger?" In the address Dr. Wise will deal with the cause of the waning influence of the church. Services will begin promptly at 8 o'clock and strangers are always welcome.

ESTABLISH HEADQUARTERS.—The O. W. P. has opened headquarters at the Home Hotel, in Fairview, where the new building is under construction on the new branch line from Cedarville. The surveyors and managers of construction will have their headquarters in Fairview, which is the most central point along the new route.

FUNERAL OF GEORGE G. MAUTZ.—The funeral of George G. Mautz, of Sunnyside, took place yesterday afternoon. The members of the Portland Bartenders' League attended. Mr. Mautz was 59 years old, and lived at 1906 Belmont street. Interment took place in Lone Fir Cemetery.

THE ROW OF FLATS ON THE SEVENTH CORNER OF PARK AND JEFFERSON STREETS have been sold by E. A. Vehr for the sum of \$22,000, the name of the purchaser being withheld for the present. The sale was negotiated through the real estate firm of P. O. Northrup & Co.

DIED AT ODDFELLOWS' HOME.—Mrs. Martha Chance Woodruff died at the Oddfellows' Home Wednesday. She was 66 years old. Mrs. T. M. Reed was her mother. The funeral will take place tomorrow from F. S. Dunning's undertaking chapel.

SAM JONES' LECTURE. White Temple, Saturday night, "Medley of Philosophy, Facts and Fables." A few good reserved seats left, 50 cents. Allen & Gilbert-Ramaker Co., Sixth and Morrison.

THE ELEGANT STEAMER Redondo sails direct for San Francisco Saturday evening. Cabin tickets, \$5, meals and berth included. C. H. Thompson, agent, 128 Third street.

"SPIRITUALISM—THE DEVIL IS IN IT." is the subject of Dr. Martin's lecture tonight at First Christian Church, Park and Columbia. Offering received at the door.

Accuses Plumbing Inspector. Colburn Barrill, Jr., deputy plumbing inspector, will be called before Judge Cameron next Wednesday to answer a charge of tampering with a sewer. Mr. Barrill was arrested on a charge preferred by George C. Carhart, of St. Johns. Mr. Carhart formerly resided at 108 Mason street, and claims that Mr.

Barrill disconnected his sewer pipe from the main line over two years ago and that the condition had been undetected by him until a short time ago. He also asserts that, as a result of the sewerage emptying out under ground near his house, his family was afflicted with various ailments.

WOMEN'S CLUB BANQUET

One Hundred Members and Guests
Enjoy the Spread.

The Women's Club enjoyed one of the largest banquets of the season at the Commercial Club last night, fully 100 members and guests sitting down to the handsomely-decorated board adorned with red carnations and roses and mimosa. Much of the intelligence, wit and wisdom of Portland's feminine citizens was represented, and their brothers, husbands and best friends, who were their guests, thoroughly enjoyed the mirth and wit which went round the big hall. These guests were glad of an opportunity to view feminine clubdom, even at a social event, and they were on the alert to catch all the good things being said.

Mrs. A. H. Breyman, president of the club, was toast mistress and presided. Mrs. Robert Lufke, vice-president, was the first to respond to a toast and she was followed by Mrs. A. S. Dunway, Mrs. Mary Ogden, and other prominent club speakers. Judge A. L. Frazer, of the juvenile court, was one of the distinguished guests and addressed the merry party. Major Lane and Dr. Andrew Smith had been invited to speak but both were unable to attend. Mrs. Breyman was assisted in the arrangements for the banquet by Mrs. G. M. Glimes and an able committee.

UNDERGOES AN OPERATION

Recorder J. W. Hanks Is Taken to Good Samaritan Hospital.

Recorder J. W. Hanks, of St. Johns, was yesterday removed to Good Samaritan Hospital, where he underwent a very serious surgical operation. Mr. Hanks has been falling in health for several months but until the past month he attended meetings of the Council when really he did so at great risk. He is above 60 years of age.

W. L. Thornbyke, editor of the St. Johns Review, who has been officiating during Mr. Hanks' absence from Council meetings, will be appointed Deputy Recorder. This appointment was authorized at the adjourned meeting Wednesday evening. He is familiar with the business. The recording of ordinances and minutes has not been done in the proper books since Mr. Hanks was first taken sick, and this work will now be completed by Deputy Thornbyke.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. George Newlands, a prominent physician of Seattle, passed through Portland yesterday, returning from a business trip to Umattila.

R. A. Nichols, of Seattle, traveling auditor of the Great Northern, was in Portland yesterday checking up the returns of the local office of that company.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered today as follows:
 From Portland—T. V. Woodward, at the Grand; M. Hansen, at the Broadway Central.
 From Spokane—F. Dornberg, at the Cadillac.
 From Tacoma—H. A. Landers, at the Earlington.
 From Seattle—F. McDermott, wife, at the Earlington.

WE RECEIVED 103 REPLIES

Professor J. Friedman, proprietor of the Turkish and Russian Bath Parlors, 525 Chamber of Commerce, Portland, issued an advertisement in The Oregonian in which he asked his old patients to drop him a line regarding the value of his treatments as a masseur. Professor Friedman received 103 replies from this advertisement. This is one of the numerous testimonials of the value of The Oregonian as an advertising medium that regularly reach this office.

WHERE TO DINE.

All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant; fine, private apartments for parties. Open all night. 306 Washington, near Fifth.

The best six-course dinner, with wine, \$2.10 to \$3.00, at Scott Restaurant, 7th and Ankeny. Fine merchants' lunch, \$2c.

Fire Escapes for Shaver School.

The Fire Commissioners last night directed Chief Holden to place fire escapes on the Shaver School. Some time ago the attention of the City Board of Education was called to the lack of facilities in this respect, but no notice was paid thereto. At the last meeting of the Fire Commissioners a communication was received from Battalion Chief Holden, who reiterated the dangers existing on account of the conditions, and another futile effort was made to induce the School Board to take action. The proceedings of last night are the outcome of this neglect, and the proper facilities for escaping from the building will be installed at once.

Will Develop Horsepower.

George Rae, Merritt, O. Collins and George S. Shepherd, of Portland, have organized a company for the purpose of establishing an electric power plant on the Willamette River, near Sucker Lake. The company is financed by Eastern capital, and the objects are to utilize the water of the Tualatin River by constructing a canal from the river to Sucker Lake, which is to be used as a reservoir, and thence the water power will be utilized by an electric plant near Oswego. The promoters expect to develop 500 horsepower by the harnessing of this stream. Articles of incorporation are now being drawn up and will be filed in a short time.

MILWAUKEE'S NOMINEE FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

This morning the residents of Milwaukee will be asked to elect a representative to the Wisconsin Legislature. The candidates for Representative, which will be the first election to be held under primary law. Mr. Stevens lives in Milwaukee, has been Recorder of Clackamas County and is well known. Milwaukee people think they are entitled to have Representative. Ninety per cent. signed this petition.

"POTTER" IN SERVICE.

Queens of River Boats Is Now on the Astoria Run.
 Enjoy a trip to Astoria on the Potter. You will always remember it. Leave Astoria street dock every night at 8 o'clock, Saturday and Sunday nights, 8 P. M. Round trip, \$1. Particulars at Third and Washington streets, Portland.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth.
 Be sure and use the old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, kills the pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.
 High-Grade Plans for Rent
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AT THE THEATERS

"Richelleu" at the Marquam.
 Julie de Mortemar...Miss Abbie James
 Marion de Lorme...Miss Abbie James
 Francois...Miss Annie Marie Schaefer
 Chevalier de Mauprat...N. Hackett
 Louis XIII...Harry C. Barton
 De Barade...Arthur Young
 Joseph, a Capuchin...Charles Steadman
 Gaston, Duke of Orleans...W. L. Thorne
 Sieur de Beringhen...Harry MacFayden
 Clermont...Milton Nobles, Jr.
 Huguet...C. N. Stark
 Captain of Archers...Harry E. Laffer
 Secretary of State...Edwin Clarke
 Secretary of State...Leon W. Byron
 Cardinal Richelleu...Louis James

Louis James was the star at the moderately enthusiastic opening of a four-performance season of classic drama at the Marquam Grand Theater last evening. The play was "Richelleu".

The support was not inopportune, but it was indifferent. Years may come and years may go, but I hope James may remain with us forever. He is a beneficent, bearded and dependable factor of the stage. In the present state of the public taste it is not to be expected that a traveling company will in all its personnel be equal to the adequate presentation of such a play as "Richelleu". Its magnificent sweep, its literary elevation, its subtlety, its exalted tone, its wide range of requirements, calls for a collection of rare artists. To approach this result, if it were possible, would involve tremendous cost under present theatrical conditions. No one in Mr. James' company save himself fully reached the historic standard set by Lytton's immortal lines.

Of course they didn't. We did not anticipate that they would. I am complaining of theatrical conditions, not the predominating agreeable performance given. But James was so much better than the rest of his people that it was nearly all James, and the annoyance of cumbersome or weak reading on the part of anyone in a play the lines of which are fit for the gods on high is like the biting of a sea-unicorn to ignore it, but the sea was still.

Long ago, before the present judges of dramatic events were born, Bulwer Lytton evolved "Richelleu" in historic and fanciful lineaments, and diverse actors great and near-great have mouthed and strutted and delineated the colossal character of the drama before a gaping and an enjoying human race ever since. While James was not successfully shouldered the mantle of Sullivan, Booth, Barrett, Bangs, Davenport or McCullough, and he is not to be accused of being great, he is probably the most able and most distinguished tragedian alive. That is saying far more than I have space or time here and now to elucidate. His art and his commanding personality, his broad culture and his detailed perfection, his intellectual grasp, his forceful facility, are most welcome to normal lovers of the drama. He has been identified with the most beautiful and complete productions that ever have been seen. His name is indelibly stamped on the scroll of fame and artistic achievement. He has but improved and grown mellow in the years. The years have made him a Lytton could put down, James, and he has not his confederates. He is still loyal to the true instincts of human nature and the true instincts of the stage. He has not his confederates. He is still loyal to the true instincts of human nature and the true instincts of the stage.

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habitual drunkard, and has been such for more than a year. She wants a divorce, and filed a complaint against him in the State Circuit Court yesterday. The divorce was granted at Vancouver, Wash., August 11, 1901, and have no children. Mrs. Davis avers that she has been compelled to work since marriage to support herself and her mother.

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